

A.) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A machine readable medium containing configuration instructions for performing a method on a user machine, the method comprising the steps of receiving, from a user, a selection of a first graphical image; displaying a full image of the first graphical image within a display area of a user interface;
receiving, from the user, a selection of a second graphical image;
displaying a full image of the second graphical image within the display area of the user interface in place of the full image of the first graphical image;
generating a graphical display element representing only the first graphical image, the graphical display element including a textual description corresponding to the first graphical image;
generating a representation of at least a partial image of the first graphical image for use as a preview of the first graphical image;
displaying a the graphical display element representing a graphical image within a portion of the display area of the user interface, at an edge of the second graphical image;
detecting a preliminary selection of the graphical display element;
responsive to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a the preview of the first graphical image including, the preview including a pop-up window presented to the user within a second portion of the display area that includes the at least a partial image generated representation of the first graphical image;
detecting a final selection of the graphical display element; and
responsive to detecting the final selection of the graphical display element, displaying the full image of the first graphical image in place of the full image of the second graphical image within the display area.

2. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~step-of~~ displaying a the preview of the corresponding graphical image comprises displaying a thumbnail of the ~~corresponding~~ first graphical image.

3. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 2, wherein the method further comprises the ~~step-of~~ preparing a generating the thumbnail of the ~~corresponding~~ first graphical image.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the first graphical image is comprising a web page.

6. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ the graphical display element is comprising a representation of a tab within the display area.

7. (previously presented) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises, in response to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a textual indication of the content of the graphical image.

8. (previously presented) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user machine comprises a graphical pointing device, and the preliminary selection of the graphical display element comprises placement of a pointer of the graphical pointing device over the graphical display element.

9. (previously presented) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user machine comprises a graphical pointing device, and the final selection of the graphical display element comprises depressing a button of the graphical pointing device while a pointer of the graphical pointing device is over the graphical display element.

10. (currently amended) A method of configuring a client machine connected to a network, the method comprising transmitting configuration instructions through the network to the client machine for performing a method of displaying a plurality of graphical images within a display area of a user interface, the method of displaying comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a user, a selection of a first graphical image;

displaying a full image of the first graphical image within a display area of a user interface;

receiving, from the user, a selection of a second graphical image;

displaying a full image of the second graphical image within the display area of the user interface in place of the full image of the first graphical image;

generating a graphical display element representing only the first graphical image, the graphical display element including a textual description corresponding to the first graphical image;

generating a representation of at least a partial image of the first graphical image for use as a preview of the first graphical image;

displaying a the graphical display element representing a graphical image within a portion of the display area of the user interface, at an edge of the second graphical image;

detecting a preliminary selection of the graphical display element;

responsive to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a the preview of the first graphical image including, the preview including a pop-up window presented to the user within a second portion of the display area that includes the at-least a partial image generated representation of the first graphical image;

detecting a final selection of the graphical display element; and

responsive to detecting the final selection of the graphical display element, displaying the full image of the first graphical image in place of the full image of the second graphical image within the display area.

11. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said step of displaying a the preview of the corresponding first graphical image comprises displaying a thumbnail of the corresponding first graphical image.

12. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the step of preparing a the thumbnail of the corresponding first graphical image.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first graphical image is comprising a web page.

15. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the graphical display element is comprising a representation of a tab within the display area.

16. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising, in response to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a textual indication of the content of the graphical image.

17. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the client machine comprises a graphical pointing device, and the preliminary selection of the graphical display element comprises placement of a pointer of the graphical pointing device over the graphical display element.

18. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the client machine comprises a graphical pointing device, and the final selection of the graphical display element comprises depressing a button of the graphical pointing device while a pointer of the graphical pointing device is over the graphical display element.

19. (currently amended) A method of displaying a plurality of graphical images on a computer display, comprising the steps of:

displaying a current graphical image being viewed by a user as a full image in a display area of a user interface;

displaying in a portion of the display area at an edge of the current graphical image, a graphical display element representing a graphical image previously viewed by a user, the graphical display element comprising a textual description of the graphical image previously viewed by the user;

generating a representation of at least a partial image of the graphical image previously viewed by the user, the representation for use as a preview of the graphical image previously viewed by the user;

detecting a preliminary selection by the user of the graphical display element; and responsive to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a the preview of the graphical image as a pop-up window including at least a partial image of the graphical image previously viewed by the user.

20. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a final selection of the graphical display element; and responsive to detecting the final selection of the graphical display element, displaying the graphical image previously viewed by the user.

21. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said step of displaying the preview of the corresponding graphical image comprises displaying a thumbnail of the corresponding graphical image previously viewed by the user.

22. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising the step of preparing a the thumbnail of the corresponding graphical image previously viewed by the user.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the current graphical image is comprising a web page.

25. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the graphical display element is comprising a representation of a tab in the display area.

26. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising, in response to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a textual indication of the content of the graphical image.

27. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the preliminary selection of the graphical display element comprises placement of a pointer of a graphical pointing device over the graphical display element.

28. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the final selection of the graphical display element comprises depressing a button of a graphical pointing device while a pointer of the graphical pointing device is over the graphical display element.

29. (currently amended) A method for displaying a plurality of graphical images using a computer having a graphical pointing device, comprising the steps of:

displaying a first graphical image in a display area of a user interface;

displaying a graphical display element in a portion of the display area at an edge of the first graphical image, the graphical display element corresponding to a second graphical image and including a textual description of the second graphical image;

detecting a preliminary selection of the graphical display element by a user corresponding to a second graphical image;

responsive to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element corresponding to a second graphical image, displaying a preview of the second graphical image as a pop-up window in a portion of the display area, the preview including at least a partial image of the second graphical image.

30. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 29, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a final selection of the graphical display element corresponding to the second graphical image; and

responsive to the final detecting the final selection of the graphical display element, ceasing display of the first graphical image and displaying the second graphical image as a full image in the display area.

31. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

after said final selection, displaying a second graphical display element corresponding to the first graphical image in a portion of the display area;

detecting a preliminary selection of the second graphical display element corresponding to a first graphical image;

responsive to detecting the preliminary selection of the graphical display element corresponding to a first graphical image, displaying a preview of the first graphical image as a pop-up window in the display area, the preview including at least a partial image of the first graphical image;

detecting a final selection of the second graphical display element corresponding to the first graphical image; and

responsive to detecting the final selection of the second graphical display element corresponding to the first graphical image, ceasing display of the second graphical image and displaying a full image of the first graphical image in the display area.

32. (currently amended) A machine readable medium containing configuration instructions for performing a method of displaying a web page in a client connected to a network, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a first web page selected by a user from the network;

displaying a graphical display element representing the first web page in a portion of a display area of a user interface, the graphical display element comprising a textual description of the first web page;

detecting a preliminary selection of the graphical display element;

responsive to the preliminary selection of the graphical display element, displaying a preview of the first web page as a pop-up window in the display area that includes including at least a partial image of the first web page;

detecting a final selection of the graphical display element; and

responsive to detecting the final selection of the graphical display element, displaying the first web page in the display area.

33. (previously presented) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 32, wherein the preliminary selection of the graphical display element comprises a cursor of a pointing device moving over the graphical display element.

34. (previously presented) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 32, wherein the preliminary selection of the graphical display element comprises a cursor of a pointing device pausing over the graphical display element.

35. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 32, wherein the method further ~~comprises the step of~~ comprising retrieving and displaying a second web page selected by the user, and wherein the step of displaying the first web page ~~includes~~ replacing the second web page with the first web page in the display area.

36. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 10 32, wherein the said final selection of the graphical display element ~~comprises~~ comprising an actuation of a button while a cursor of a pointing device is over the graphical display element.

37. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 32, wherein the method further ~~comprises the steps of~~ comprising receiving configuration instructions from a the user, and configuring the preview according to the instructions.

38. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 32, wherein the at least partial image of the first web page is comprises a cropped image of the first web page.

39. (currently amended) The machine readable medium as claimed in claim 32, wherein the at least partial image of the first web page is comprises a thumbnail image of the first web page.